

1903-006 Chancery Causes: Gdn. of Edgar L. Neff to by vs. Edgar L. Neff or
Lee Co.

Shouse, Anderson, Plank, Hanson, Graham, Lucas, Jacks,
Schause

CA-Estate Dispute
T-Property

- Deed

To the Hon. H. A. W. Skeen Judge of the Circuit Court for Lee County:

Humbly complaining, your orator Thomas J. Shouse, a citizen of the state of Mo., appointed in said state as the guardian for Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff, two minors over the age of fourteen years, would respectfully represent and show unto your honor, that on the 6th day of Nov. 1901, by a decree entered in your honor's court on the chancery side thereof, he was authorized to sue for, recover, and collect any moneys and out standing rents to which said minors were entitled, and to transfer them to the said state of Mo.

Your orator will futher represent and show unto your honor, that the said two minors were the grand- children of the late Jefferson Neff who departed this life several months ago intestate, and who at the time of his death was the owner of a certain farm situated in Lee County, Va., and containing about 150 acres, and being the same land, as your orator is informed, ^{a part of} which the said Neff acquired of George R. Fletcher and wife, as will appear by copy of deed here filed as a part of this bill marked A, and prayed to be taken as a part of this bill, and another part from Ensley Parrot and wife as will appear from a copy of their deed here filed as exhibit B, and prayed to be taken as part of this bill.

Your orator will further represent and show unto your honor, that the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff are the children of Ewing Neff, who was a son of the said Jefferson Neff, and that said Ewing Neff died prior to the death of the said Jefferson Neff, and leaving the said two minors to inherit from their grandfather a one sixth interest of all the real estate of which their grandfather died possesse, that is, a one twelfth each of all such real estate. He left as his heirs the following sons and daughters, to-wit: W. E. Neff, Floyd Neff, Ransom Neff, Allie Plank and Mary Anderson.

You orator will further represent and show unto your honor, that the said infants are far removed from the said property to which they fall heir, and that it is impracticable to manage the same so as to make it profitable for the said infants, and to bring them anything like a reasonable rent for the property in question. And your

orators here avers and will show unto your honor that the interest of the said minors will be promoted by the sale of thier interest in said said real estate. Your orator is advised that the value of the interest of the said minors is about \$525 to \$540, and one W. E. Neff, the uncle of the said minors proposes to pay upon the sale of the said property the sum of \$540.

Your oratoe will further represent and show unto your honor, that the heirs and distributes of the said Edgar L. Neff, if he were dead would be his brother, the said Ernest D. Neff, and his mother, Mrs. *Bettie Hanson*, and that the heirs and distrabutes of the said Ernest D. Neff would be if he were dead the said Edgar L. Neff; that the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff are brothers, and the only children of the said Ewing Neff; that the mother of Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff is still living and is a citizen of the state of Mo., whose name is *Bettie Hanson, having married*

since the death of her said husband, one John Hanson
The prayr therefore of your orator is that the said Ernest D. Neff and Edgar L. Neff and Mrs. *Bettie Hanson* ^{mother of said infants} be made parties of this bill of complaint, and that the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff ^{be} ~~will~~ required to answer the same under oath as the law requires, but that the said Mrs. *Bettie Hanson* need not answer under oath; that a guardian ad litem be appointed to defend and represent said minors in this suit, as is required by law, and that an order of publication be made, posted and published as the law requires for the said Mrs. *Bettie Hanson*, the non resident defendant; that upon a hearing a decree be entered appointing a commission^{er} who shall be directed to sell the undivided interest of the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff in the land to which they fall heir from their grandfather; and that a decree also be entered allowing the removal of the funds arising from the sale of said real estate to your orator in the state of Mo. And that ~~further~~ all other further and general relief be granted your orator that the nature of his cause and good conscience dictates and he will ever pray &c.

Respectfully Yours for
Thomas J. Shouse

State of Missouri, County of ^{DeKalb} ~~Platte~~, to-wit:

I, Samuel Sheppard, a Notary Public in and for the County of ^{DeKalb} ~~Platte~~ in the said state do hereby certify that Thomas J. Schou as this day personally appeared before me and made oath that the statements made in the foregoing bill of complaint so far as made upon his own information are true and so far as made upon information derived from others he believes to be true. Given under my hand this the 31st day of ^{May} ~~June~~, 1902.

My Commission expires
May 5th 1906

Samuel Sheppard N.P.

Wm J. Shann Glee.

vs. Bill In Chancery

Edgar L. Neff & Co

1902 2nd June rules bill
filed & pa accepted and
by adult defendants
& G. A. L. filed for infants
L. N.

E. W. PENNINGTON

ROBT. L. PENNINGTON

Pennington Bros.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW,

JONESVILLE AND PENNINGTON GAP VA

Aug 4 1902
Plffs Costs

Clerk 4.73

Tax 1.50

Shff 50

Atty 15.00 paid

Co Clerk 1.55

G. A. L. 5.00 paid

\$38.28

Wito 1.50

Sherif 6.00 Paid

Clerk 2.0

M. P. 1.50

\$42.08

5.00 Paid

47.08

19.90 Am

66.98

5.00 auto fee

71.98

545 245

66.98

478.02

5.00 15.00

478.02 19.90

Thomas J. Shouse, Guardian for Earnest D. and Edgar L. Neff, Petitioner,

vs:

Petition in Chancery

H. C. Anderson and W. E. Neff, Administrators of the estate

of Jefferson Neff, decd, and all interested parties, Defendants.

To the Hon. H. A. W. Skeen, Judge of the Circuit Court for Lee Co:

Humbly complaining your petitioner would respectfully represent and show unto your honor that Jefferson Neff, a citizen of Lee County Virginia, ~~de~~ departed this life about the first of the year, 1901, and that he died intestate leaving a considerable estate for a farmer, consisting of real estate worth about \$3000 and personal property amounting to about \$2000. W. E. Neff and H. C. Anderson were appointed and qualified in the county court for Lee County as the administrators of the said estate, on the 21st day of January, 1901. The said Jefferson Neff left as his ^e heirs and distributees W. E. Neff, a son, Mrs. Mary Anderson, wife of H. C. Anderson, a daughter, of said Jefferson Neff, Allie Plank, another daughter of the said Jefferson Neff, Ransom Neff, another son of the said Jefferson Neff, Floyd Neff another son of the said Jefferson Neff, and Ewing Neff's two sons, Edgar L. and Earnest D. Neff, two grand-sons of the said Jefferson Neff, their father Ewing Neff, who was a son of said Jefferson Neff having died previous to the death of said Jefferson Neff. Your petitioner therefore alleges that one sixth of the estate of said Jefferson Neff, both real and personal descended to the said Edgar L. and Earnest D. Neff, they being the only heirs at law of the said Ewing Neff.

Your petitioner would further represent and show unto your honor that said Ewing Neff some time ago left Lee County and came to Platte County Missouri, *& previous to the death of his father* where some time ago, he died leaving said two sons, both of whom are over the age of 14 years, but are under the age of 21 years. Said sons are still living in Platte County Missouri and have selected your petitioner as their guardian and the curator of their estate. Your petitioner will represent and show unto your honor that at the January term of the Probate Court of the County of Platte, in the State of Missouri, to wit on the

5th day of February, 1901, by an order entered in the said Court your said Petitioner was appointed as the Guardian and Curator of said infants, and was required to execute bond before the said court in the sum of \$2400.00, as will appear from an authenticated copy of the record of said court here filed as part of this petition, and prayed to be taken as part hereof; and that afterwards, to wit on the 18th day of February, 1901, during the January term of the said Court, ~~the~~ your petitioner submitted to said court a bond as required by said order last aforesaid in the penalty required properly signed and acknowledged, and which bond, being satisfactory to said court was approved and ordered to be recored, as will appear by a duly authenticated copy of said order here filed as part of this petition, and as will also further appear by an authenticated copy of said bond here filed as part hereof. Your orator will further represent and show unto your honor that the said bond is satisfactory and sufficient, as will appear by the affidavit of one of the sureties on said bond who testifies that he is worth over and above his debts and liabilities \$6700.00.

Your petitioner will further represent and show unto your honor that said administrators will have personal estate coming to their hands of about \$2000.00, of which said infants are entitled to a one sixth share of, after the payment of debts and costs of administration; that said infants are in the distant State of Missouri and in need of a portion of the patrimony left to them by their said grand-father, and that it is to their interest to have their money transferred to a guardian living within their reach who can see and understand their wants and minister to their necessities. Your orator will further represent and show unto your honor that no guardian has ever been appointed in the State of Virginia at the place where said property is situated, and your petitioner is advised that under section 2629 of the Code of Virginia ~~where~~ where no guardian has been appointed where there is a foreign guardian such guardian has the right to file his petition before the circuit court for an order of the court authorizing such foreign guardian to sue for,

recover and receive all money and personal property belonging to such ward, including the accruing rents of such ward's real estate after certain notice and proff as provided for in section 2631 of the code of 1887, of Virginia. Your petitioner will represent and show unto your honor that he has caused a notice to be published for four successive weeks in ~~All County Republic~~ *Pennington Bros. News* a weekly news paper published in Lee County, Virginia, and that he has procured authenticated documentary evidence that that your petitioner has been duly appointed as said guardian as hereinbefore set out, as is provided by said section 2631, and here filed the same as part hereof marked "Transcript". Your petitioner will further represent and show unto your honor that to remove said fund as herein prayed for will not impair the rights of or be prejudicial to the interest of either said wards or any other person. Said estate is perfectly insolvent, and there are no debts due or owing by said estate of any consequence, there are therefore no one to be damaged by the removal of said fund, and the only parties interested therein is said infants.

The prayer therefore of your petitioner is that said H.C. Anderson and W.E. Neff, ~~be made parties~~ *Adversely affected* to this petition, that a decree be rendered in this cause directing said administrators to pay over to your petitioner or his attorney all funds coming into their hands belonging to the said wards, and that your petitioner be authorized to sue for, recover and receive all money and personal property belonging to said minors situated in Lee County including the accruing rents on the said real estate; and that he be authorized to remove said money and personal property to the said County of Platt in the State of Missouri. And may he be granted leave to pay the costs of this proceeding out of the funds that he shall receive under the authority herein prayed for, *of said infants* and may he be granted all further and general relief that the nature of his cause and good conscience requires.

By Pennington Bros. Attys.

Thomas J. Shouse
Guardian for Edgar L. and Earnest D. Neff.

To W.E.Neff and H.C.Anderson, Administrators of the estate of
Jefferson Neff, deceased:-

You are hereby notified that on the third day of the November term, 1901, of the Circuit Court for Lee County, upon a petition filed by me as the foreign guardian of Edgar L. and Earnest D. Neff, I will apply to the said court in said petition for a decree directing you as the administrators of said estate to pay over to me or my attorneys, Pennington Brothers, whatever sums as shall be in your hands coming from said estate from time to time to the said Earnest D. and Edgar L. Neff.

This June 12th, 1901.

Thomas J. Shaane

Guardian for Earnest D. and Edgar L. Neff
appointed by the Probate Court of Platte
County, Missouri.

By PENNINGTON BROS, Attys.

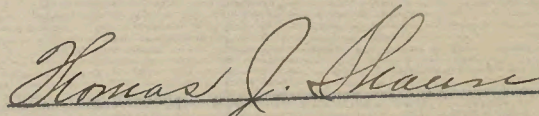
*Legal Service of the foregoing notice
is accepted. This Aug 5. 1901.*

*B. H. Sewell atty for
W.E. Neff & H.C. Anderson admins of
the estate of Jefferson Neff deceased,*

To W.E.Neff and H.C.Anderson, Administrators of the estate of
Jefferson Neff, deceased:-

You are hereby notified that on the third day of the November term, 1901, of the Circuit Court for Lee County, upon a petition filed by me as the foreign guardian of Edgar H. and Earnest D. Neff, I will apply to the said court in said petition for a decree directing you as the administrators of said estate to pay over to me or my attorneys, Pennington Brothers, whatever sums as shall be in your hands coming from said estate from time to time to the said Earnest D. and Edgar L. Neff.

This June 12th, 1901.



Guardian for Earnest D. and Edgar L. Neff
appointed by the Probate Court of Platte
County, Missouri.

By PENNINGTON BROS, Attys.

To W.E.Neff and H.C.Anderson, Administrators of the estate of
Jefferson Neff, deceased:-

You are hereby notified that on the third day of the November term, 1901, of the Circuit Court for Lee County, upon a petition filed by me as the foreign guardian of Edgar E. and Earnest D. Neff, I will apply to the said court in said petition for a decree directing you as the administrators of said estate to pay over to me or my attorneys, Pennington Brothers, whatever sums as shall be in your hands coming from said estate from time to time to the said Earnest D. and Edgar L. Neff.

This June 18th, 1901.

Thomas J. Shouse.

Guardian for Earnest D. and Edgar L. Neff
appointed by the Probate Court of Platte
County, Missouri.

By PENNINGTON BROS, Attys.

Thomas J. Shouse

U.S. ~~Supreme~~ Petition

H. E. Neff. et al. Decease

Plffs Costs

Clerk 2.69 *per Murray*

Atty 15.03 " *P. M. M.*

Printer 5.03 " *J. R. G. L.*

\$22.69

November Term 1901
Decree final Chy Order
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E.W. PENNINGTON.

ROBT. L. PENNINGTON

Pennington Bros.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW,

JONESVILLE AND PENNINGTON GAP VA.

State of Missouri,

County of Platte, to wit:

I, Monteoot Judge of Probate a notary public in and
for the County of Platte and State aforesaid do hereby certify that
J. C. Hanson a citizen of Platte County, Mo.,
this day appeared before me in my county and State aforesaid and made
oath to and subscribed his name to the following statement:

"I am a citizen of Platt County Missouri. I am acquainted with
Edgar L. and Earnest D. Neff and their guardian Thomas J. Shouse.
I have been informed that said Thos. J. Shouse has pending in the
Circuit court a bill seeking to remove certain funds belonging to
said infants which is coming to them from the estate of Jefferson
Neff, their grandfather, to the State of Missouri. Being acquainted with
the said Edgar L. and Earnest D. Neff and somewhat of their Circumsatnces
and I think it to their advantage and benefit to have said funds
removed to the said State of Missouri, in which said infants reside.
Such a course will in my opinion advance their interest and will in
no way prejudice them. Given under my hand this the 7["] day of
October, ~~11~~ 1901.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 7["] day of
October, 1901.

(Seal)

Monteoot N.P.
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri,

County of Platte, to wit:

I, John Woods ^{Judge of Probate} a notary public in and

for the County of Platte and State aforesaid do hereby certify that

A. P. Shackelford a citizen of Platte County, Mo.,

this day appeared before me in my county and State aforesaid and made oath to and subscribed his name to the following statement:

"I am a citizen of Platt County Missouri. I am acquainted with Edgar L. and Earnest D. Neff and their guardian Thomas J. Shouse. I have been informed that said Thos. J. Shouse has pending in the Circuit court a bill seeking to remove certain funds belonging to said infants which is coming to them from the estate of Jefferson Neff, their grandfather, to the State of Missouri. Being acquainted with the said Edgar L. and Earnest D. Neff and somewhat of their circumstances and I think it to their advantage and benefit to have said funds removed to the said State of Missouri, in which said infants reside. Such a course will in my opinion advance their interest and will in no way prejudice them. Given under my hand this the 7th day of October, 1901. W. P. Shackelford"

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 7th day of October, 1901.

(Seal)

John Woods ^{Judge of Probate}

State of Missouri,

County of Platte, to wit:

I, Monteots Jaegerobal a notary public in and
for the County of Platte and State aforesaid do hereby certify that
W. J. Jacks a citizen of Platte County, Mo.,
this day appeared before me in my county and State aforesaid and made
oath to and subscribed his name to the following statement:

"I am a citizen of Platt County Missouri. I am acquainted with
Edgar L. and Earnest D. Neff and their guardian Thomas J. Shouse.
I have been informed that said Thos. J. Shouse has pending in the
Circuit court a bill seeking to remove certain funds belonging to
said infants which is coming to them from the estate of Jefferson
Neff, their grandfather, to the State of Missouri. Being acquainted with
the said Edgar L. and Earnest D. Neff and somewhat of their Circumsatnces
and I think it to their advantage and benefit to have said funds
removed to the said State of Missouri, in which said infants reside.
Such a course will in my opinion advance their interest and will in
no way prejudice them. Given under my hand this the ____ day of
October, 11 1901. W. J. Jacks"

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 7th day of
October, 1901.

(Seal)

Monteots Jaegerobal N.P.

In the matter of the Estate of)
)
Edgar L. and Ernest D.Neff, Minors,) Appointment of Guardian and Curator.

And afterwards, to-wit, on the 18-th day of February A.D. 1901, and during the January Term 1901 of the Probate Court of said County of Platte and State of Missouri, the following among other proceedings were had:

In the matter of the estate of)
 Edgar L. & Ernest D. Neff, minors,) Approval of Bond.

Now on this day, Thomas J. Shouse, submits his bond as Guardian and Curator of the person and estate of Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff, minors, in the sum of Twenty-four Hundred Dollars (\$2400.00), payable to the State of Missouri, and conditioned according to law, signed by him as principal, and by J. C. Hanson and Thomas J. Shouse, Sr. as securities, duly executed and acknowledged by them respectively, and the Court having examined said bond, it is ordered that it be approved, filed and recorded.

(Copy)

BOND OF GUARDIAN OR CURATOR.

[See Sec. 5299 R. S. of Missouri, 1889.]

We, THOMAS J. SHOUSE, as Principal,
and J. C. HANSON and THOMAS J. SHOUSE, Sr.

as Securities, are held and firmly bound unto the STATE OF MISSOURI, for the use of

EDGAR L. NEFF and ERNEST D. NEFF,

minor children of EWING NEFF, deceased, in the lawful sum of

TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR HUNDRED

DOLLARS,

for the faithful payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our executors and administrators, by these presents:

UPON THIS CONDITION, That whereas, the said THOMAS J. SHOUSE,
has been appointed by the Probate Court of PLATTE County, Missouri,
GUARDIAN AND CURATOR of the PERSON AND ESTATE
of EDGAR L. NEFF AND ERNEST D. NEFF

of said County, Minor

Now, if the said THOMAS J. SHOUSE shall faithfully
discharge his duties as said GUARDIAN AND CURATOR
according to law, then this bond to be void: otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto signed our names and affixed our seals, this 5-th
day of FEBRUARY A.D. 1901,

THOMAS J. SHOUSE



J. C. HANSON



THOMAS J. SHOUSE, Sr.





*I certify that the foregoing bond was signed and executed in my presence. by said Thomas J. Shouse
and J. C. Hanson.

Jno. W. Coots,

Judge of Probate.

Approved by the Court this 18-th day of February 1901.

Jno. W. Coots,

Judge of Probate.

State of Missouri,)
County of DeKalb)ss

On this 18-th day of February A.D.1901, before me a Notary Public within and for the said County of DeKalb, personally appeared Thomas J. Shouse, Sr., to me known to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the within and foregoing Bond as party security therein, and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal, at office in Union Star, Mo. the day and year first above written.

My term as a notary public will expire May 6, 1902.
Samuel Shepard,
Notary Public.

(Seal)

Thomas J. Shouse, Sr. one of the above named securities being duly sworn, on his oath says, that he owns in his own right, real estate of the value of \$7000.00 and personal property of the value of \$500.00 and that he is worth over and above all liabilities and exemptions \$6700.00

Thomas J. Shouse, Sr.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18-th day of February 1901.

Samuel Shepard,
Notary Public.

(Seal)

GUARDIAN OR CURATOR'S BOND.

PERSON AND ESTATE OF

Principal.

Securities.

Mo.

STANDARD PRINTING CO., HANOVER, MO.

Judge of Probate.

Geo. W. Coats,

February A.D. 1901 day of

Platte City, this 18-th

WITNESS my hand and seal of office. Done at office in

February A.D. 1901, and is duly recorded in Book "F" at Page 48.
18-th day of

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID COUNTY.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
COUNTY OF Platte
ss.

(Seal)

STATE OF MISSOURI,
 County of PLATTE } ss. Office of the Judge of Probate and Ex-Officio Clerk
 of the Probate Court, MAY 13-th A. D. 1901.

I, JNO.W.COOTS, Judge of Probate and Ex-Officio Clerk of the
 Probate Court in and for PLATTE County and State of Missouri, do hereby certify
 the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of the records, and a transcript from
the records of my said Court, showing the order of appointment of
Thomas J. Shouse, as Guardian and Curator of the person and estate
of Edgar L. Neff and Ernest D. Neff, minors, together with a true copy
of his bond as such and the order of approval of the same
 as the same appears of record in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, witness my hand and seal of office, at Platte City,
 Missouri, the date above.

[SEAL.]



J. W. Coots
 Judge of Probate and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Probate Court.

CERTIFICATE OF PRESIDING JUSTICE.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
 County of Platte } ss. I, JNO.W.COOTS, sole, Judge of
 Probate, do certify that JNO.W.COOTS, by whom the annexed Record,
 Certificate and Attestation were made and given, and who, in his own proper handwriting, has
 thereunto subscribed his name and affixed his official seal, was at the time of so doing and is now,
 Clerk of the Probate Court, duly commissioned and qualified, and that the said Attestation is in due
 form and made by the proper officer.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, this 13-th day of
MAY A. D. 1901.

(Signed)

J. W. Coots
 Judge of Probate.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
 County of PLATTE } ss. I, JNO.W.COOTS, Judge of
 Probate and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Probate Court, do certify that JNO.W.COOTS,
 by whom the foregoing Attestation was made, and whose name is thereto subscribed, was at the time
sole
 of making the same, and still is Judge of Probate, in and for PLATTE
 County, Missouri, duly commissioned and qualified according to law.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this
13-th day of MAY A. D. 1901.

[SEAL.]

J. W. Coots
 Judge of Probate and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Probate Court.

To the Hon. H. A. W. Skeen Judge of the Circuit Court for Lee Co., Va:

The answer of Ernest D. Neff to a bill in chancery, filed in the Circuit Court for Lee County against your respondent and others by Thomas J. Schouse, my guardian. For answer to said bill or so much thereof as your respondent deems that it is necessary that he should answer. Answering he says:

That he is a minor under the age of twenty-one, and over the age of fourteen years; that it is true as stated in said plaintiff's bill that the said respondent is a grandson of the said Jefferson Neff, and as such is the lawful heir to one-twelfth of all real estate of which the said Neff died possessed; that it is true, as your respondent is informed, that his said grandfather left a certain real estate in Lee County, Va., containing about 150 acres, being known as the home place on which your respondent's grandfather resided at the time of his death; that it is true that the interest which descended to the said respondent and his brother, Ernest D. Neff, is worth about \$525 to \$540; that it is also true that it would be to the interest of your respondent to have the said interest in said real estate sold and the proceeds removed to the state of Missouri, and placed in the hands of your respondent's guardian at that place; that it is impracticable to have the said real estate profitably managed so far away from where your respondent lives so as to make the same profitable to him; it is also true that your respondent's mother and said brother are living, and who, if your respondent was dead, would become his lawful heirs and distributees to his estate. It is the wish of your respondent and his desire to have his interest in said real estate sold, because he believes that the money arising from the sale of said property will be more beneficial to him than would be the real estate situated as it is. Your respondent is of the age of 16 years.

The prayers of your respondent is that the prayers of the plaintiff be answered, and that the land, or interest in land, which belong to your respondent sought to be sold in this suit according to the prayers of said plaintiff, be sold and the proceeds removed to

the sate of Missouri, and placed in the hands of your respondent's guardian.

And now having answered fully and completely the said plaintiff's bill as far as he deems it necessary that he should answer, prays to be hence dismissed &c.

Ernest D. Neff

State of Missouri, County of ^{DeKalb}~~Platte~~, to-wit:

I, Samuel Shepard Notary Public in and for the County and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that Ernest D. Neff, this day personally appeared before me in my county and state aforesaid, and made oath that the statement made in the foregoing answer, so far as made upon his own information is true, and so far as made upon the information derived from others he believes to be true.

Given under my hand, this the 31st day of May, 1902.

Samuel Shepard N.P.

My Commission expires
May 5th 1906

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Edward L. Neff. it as

and ^{attest} ~~attest~~ of
Ernest D. Neff

Thos. J. Shoan Greco

PARCUMENT

Given under my hand, this the _____ day of _____, 1908.

When the information derived from others he believes to be true.

so far as made upon his own information is true, and so far as made
said, and made oath that the statement made in the foregoing answer,
this day personally appeared before me in my county and state afore-
county and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that Ernest D. Neff,

I, _____ Notary Public in and for the
State of Missouri, County of Platte, do-wit:

to be hence dispensed &c.

Will as far as he deems it necessary that he should answer, prayes
and now having answered fully and completely the said complaint,
Subscribed.

the state of Missouri, and placed in the hands of your respondent's

To the Hon. H. A. W. Skeen Judge of the Circuit Court of Lee Co:

The answer of Edgar L. Neff to a bill in chancery, filed in the Circuit Court for Lee County against your respondent and others by Thomas J. Shouse, my gaurdian. For answer to said bill or so much thereof as your respondent deems that it is necessary that he should answer. Answer^{as} he says:

That he is ^aminor under the age of twenty-one, and over the age of fourteen years; that it is true as stated in said plaintiff's bill that the said respondent is a grandson of the said Jefferson Neff, and as such is the lawfull heir to one-twelfth of all real estate of which the said Neff died posessed; that ~~it~~ is true, as your respondent is informed, that his said grandfather left certain real estate in Lee County, Va., containing about 150 acres, being known as the home place on which your respondent's grandfather resided at the time of his death; that it is true that the interest which descended to the said respondent and his brother, Ernest D. Neff, is worth about \$535 to \$540; that it is also true that it would be to the interest of your respondent to have the said interest in said ~~land~~ real estate sold and the proceeds removed to the state of Mo., and placed in the hands of your respondent's guardian at that place; that it is impracticable to have the said real estate profitably managed so far away from where your respondent lives so as to make the same profitable; to him; it is also true that your respondent's mother and said ~~brother~~ are living, and who if, your respondent was dead, would become his lawful heirs and distributees to his estate. It is the wish of your respondent and his desire to have his interest in said real estate sold, because he believes that the money arising from the sale of said property will be more beneficial to him than would be the real estate situated as it is. Your respondent is of the age of 20 years.

The prayer of your respondent is that the prayer of the plaintiff be answered, and that the land, or interest in land, which belong to your respondent, ^rsought to be sold sold in this suit, according to the prayer of said plaintiff, be sold and the proceeds removed

to the state of Missouri, and placed in the hands of your respondent's guardian.

And now having answered fully and completely the said plaintiff's bill as far as he deems at necessary that he should answer, prays to be hence dismissed &c.

Edgar L. Neff

State of Missouri, County of Platte, to-wit:

I, *John W. Coots* Judge of the Probate Court
~~Notary Public~~ in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Edgar L. Neff, this day personally appeared before me my county and state aforesaid and made oath that the statement made in the foregoing answer, so far as made upon his own information is true, and so far as made upon the information derived from others he believes to be true.

Given under my hand, this the ^{6th} day of *June*, 1902.

John W. Coots
Judge of the Probate Court

State of Missouri, County of Platte, to-wit;

I, John W. Coots Judge of the Probate and Exofficio Clerk of the Probate Court do certify that John W. Coots by whom the foregoing attestation was made and whose name is thereto subscribed was at the time of the making of the same and still is said Judge of Probate in and for Platte County Missouri duly commissioned and qualified according to law and that said Coots according to the laws of the State of Missouri has authority thereunder as Judge of said Court to administer an oath, that the signature to the foregoing annexed affidavit is the genuine signature of said John W. Coots Judge of said Probate Court.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court this the ^{7th} day of July 1902.

John W. Coots
Judge of Probate and Exofficio Clerk
of the Probate Court.

Judge of Probate and Exorcle Clerk
of the Probate Court.

the seal of the said Court this the 1 day of July 1908.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
seal Judge of said Probate Court.

Being annexed affidavit in the genuine signature of said John W.
said Court to administer an oath, that the signature to the fore-
name of the State of Missouri has authority thereunder as Judge of
and qualified according to law and that said Goetz according to the
of Probate in and for Platte County Missouri duly commissioned
was at the time of the making of the same and still is said Judge
and the Probate Court was made and whose name is thereto subscribed
to certify that John W. Goetz by whom the fore-
said Probate Court was made and whose name is thereto subscribed
County of Platte, to-wit:

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Ernest D. Neff

Given under my hand, this the 1 day of July 1908.

The information derived from others he believes to be true.

For as made upon his own information is true, and so far as made upon
and made oath that the statement made in the foregoing answer, so
this day personally appeared before me my county and state aforesaid
County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Edgar P. Neff,

I, ...
State of Missouri, County of Platte, to-wit:

to be hence dismissed &c.

Bill as far as he deems it necessary that he should answer, gives

And now having answered fully and completely the said plaintiff,

Verdict.

to the State of Missouri, and placed in the hands of your respondent,

To the Hon. H. A. W. Skeen Judge of the Circuit Court of Lee Co:

The answer of Edgar L. Neff to a bill in chancery, filed in the Circuit Court for Lee County against your respondent and others by Thomas J. Shouse, my gaurdian. For answer to said bill or so much thereof as your respondent deems that it is necessary that he should answer. Answer he says:

That he is minor under the age of twenty-one, and over the age of fourteen years; that it is true as stated in said plaintiff's bill that the said respondent is a grandson of the said Jefferson Neff, and as such is the lawfull heir to one-twelfth of all real estate of which the said Neff died possessed; that it is true, as your respondent is informed, that his said grandfather left certain real estate in Lee County, Va., containing about 150 acres, being known as the home place on which your respondent's grandfather redided at the time of his death; that it is true that the interest which descended to the said respondent and his brother, Ernest D. Neff, is worth about \$525 to \$540; that it is also true that it would be to the interest of your respondent to have the said interest in said ~~land~~ real estate sold and the proceeds removed to the state of Mo., and placed in the hands of your respondents guardian at that place; that it is impracticable to have the said real estate profitably managed so far away from where your respondent lives so as to make the same profitable to him; it is also true that your respondent's mother and said brother are living, and who if, your respondent was dead, would become his lawfull heirs and distributees to his estate. It is the wish of your respondent and his desire to have his interest in said real estate sold, because he believes that the money arising from the sale of said property will be more beneficial to him than would be the real estate situated as it is. Your respondent is of the age of years.

The prayer of your respondent is that the prayer of your plaintiff be answered, and that the land, or interest in land, which belong to your respondent sought to be sold sold in this suit according to the prayer of said plaintiff, be sold and the proceeds removed

in said said real estate. Your orator is advised that the value of the interest of the said minors is about \$525 to \$540, and one W. E. Neff, the uncle of the said minors proposes to pay upon the sale of the said property the sum of \$540.

Your orator will further represent and show unto your honor, that the heirs and distributees of the said Edgar L. Neff, if he were dead would be his brother, the said Ernest D. Neff, and his mother, Mrs....., and that the heirs and distributees of the said Ernest D. Neff would be if he were dead the said Edgar L. Neff; that the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff are brothers, and the only children of the said Ewing Neff; that the mother of Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff is still living and is a citizen of the state of Mo., whose name is

The prayer therefore of your orator is that the said Ernest D. Neff and Edgar L. Neff and Mrs be made parties of this bill of complaint, and that the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff will be required to answer the same under oath as the law requires, but that the said Mrs..... need not answer under oath; that a guardian ad litem be appointed to defend and represent said minors in this suit, as is required by law, and that an order of publication be made, posted and published as the law requires for the said Mrs....., the non resident defendant; that upon a hearing a decree be entered appointing a commission who shall be directed to sell the undivided interest of the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff in the land to which they fall heir from their grandfather; and that a decree also be entered allowing the removal of the funds arising from the sale of said real estate to your orator in the state of Mo. And that ~~further~~-all other further and general relief be granted your orator that the nature of his cause and good conscience dictate and he will ever pray &c.

Thos J. House
vs. Copy of Poole
Edgar L. Meff. - also

To the Hon. H.A.W. Skeen Judge of the Circuit Court for Lee County, Va.:

The ^{Schouse} special answer of _____, to a bill in chancery, filed in your honor's court by Thomas J. Schouse guardian, against your respondent and others. For that the said bill, or so much thereof as respondent advises that it is necessary that she should answer. Answering says:

That she has read the bill of said complaint and so far as her information goes believes that the same contains a true statement of the ~~fact~~ concerning the matters involved in the said suit; it is also true that she is the mother of her co defendant, the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff; that her husband, the late Ewing Neff departed this life several years ago leaving as his only children the said Ernest D. and Edgar L. Neff; and that your respondent believes that it would be to the advancement of the interest of the said minors to have the said real estate of the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff sold and the proceeds thereof removed to this state. Now having answered the said bill of complaint as fully and completely as she deems that it is necessary that she should answer prays to be hence dismissed &c.

State of Missouri, County of Platte, to-wit:

I, _____, Notary Public in and for the county and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that _____ this day personally appeared before me in my county and state aforesaid, and made oath that the statement made in the forgoing answer, so far as made upon her own information is true, and so far as made upon the information derived from others he believes to be true. Given under my hand, this _____ day of _____, 1902.

N.P.

John J. Thomas Case

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Edgar L. Neff vs

To the Hon. H. A. W. Skeen Judge of the Circuit Court for Lee County:

^{the}
~~for~~ answer of M.G.Ely, guardian ad litem appointed to defend Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff, two minors under the age of twenty one years, ~~assign them to defend said infants~~ in a certain bill in Chancery exhibited in the said court by Thomas J. Schouse ^{Ely} against said minors et al.

For answer to said bill the said infant defendants by their said guardian ad litem answer and say, that being ^{of} tender years they do not know what their true interests are in relation to the subject matter of the said bill, nor do they know whether the statement therein contained are true or not. They confide the protection of their interests therein to the care of the court. And the said guardian ad litem of the said infant defendants for answer to said bill answer and says that he knows nothing as to the truth or falsity of the statements in the bill contained. He prays full protection for the infant defendants. And now having fully answered, these defendants pray to be hence dismissed with their costs, &c.

Edgar L. Neff.

Ernest D. Neff.

By M. G. Ely.

Guardian ad litem.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF LEE, to-wit:

Sworn to before me in my county aforesaid by M. G. Ely, guardian ad litem as aforesaid, this the 26th day of June, 1902.

Geo. P. Cridlin N.P.

Gayard Meffels

add ^{Memorandum} Answer of
M. G. Ely
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Thos J. Shaver Gen

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To the Hon. H.A.W. Skeen Judge of the Circuit Court for Lee County, Va.:

The ^{Special} answer of Sarah E. Hanson, to a bill in chancery, filed in your honor's court by Thomas J. Schouse guardian, against your respondent and others. For ^{answer to} ~~that~~ the said bill, or so much thereof as respondent ^{is} advises that it is necessary that she should answer, answering says:

That she has read the bill of said complaint ^{an} and so far as her information goes, believes that the same contains a true statement of the facts concerning the matters involved in the said suit; it is also true that she is the mother of her co-defendants, the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff; that her husband, the late Ewing Neff departed this life several years ago leaving as his only children the said Ernest D. and Edgar L. Neff; and that your respondent believes that it would be to the advancement of the interest of the said minors to have the said real estate of the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff sold and the proceeds thereof removed to this state. Now having answered the said bill of complaint as fully and completely as she deems that it is necessary that she should answer, prays to be hence dismissed &c.

Sarah E. Hanson

State of Missouri, County of Platte, to-wit:

I, John W. Coats, ^{Judge of the Probate Court} ~~Notary Public~~ in and for the county and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that Sarah E. Hanson this day personally appeared before me in my county and state aforesaid, and made oath that the statement made in the forgoing answer, so far as made upon her own information is true, and so far as made upon the information derived from others ^{he} believes to be true. Given under my hand, this 6th day of June, 1902.

John W. Coats N.P.
Judge of the Probate Court

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Thos. J. Shouse, Gdn, Complainant,

vs. In chancery

Edgar L. Neff et al. Defendants.

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the papers formerly read therein and the report of Special commissioner R. L. Pennington showing the disbursement of the funds which came to his hands as commissioner, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration of all which, and said report being unexcepted to, the same is hereby confirmed, and there remaining nothing further to be done in this cause the same is stricken from the docket.

Thos, J. Shouse Gdn Compl't

vs: Decree final.

Edgar L. Heff, et al.

Enter this

March 5, 1903.

J. C. W. Shouse
Ent. O. B. 7. P. 236.

Thomas J. Shouse, Guardian,

Complainant,

vs. In Chancery;

Edgar L. Neff, et al.

Defendants.

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the report of Special Commissioner R.L. Pennington filed herein on the 17th day of Oct., 1902, and the papers formerly read therein and was argued by counsel.

On consideration of all which and it appearing to the court that the said report of the said Pennington is unexcepted to, it is adjudged, ordered and decreed that the same be and is hereby confirmed, and the sale reported therein to W.E. Neff, H.C. Anderson and Mary E. Anderson, is hereby confirmed, and the said W.E. Neff will take and hold a one half of the interest sold and the said H.C. Anderson and Mary E. Anderson an equal one ^uforth interest each of said interest sold. And it further appearing to the court that the purchase made by said parties has been fully completed by the payment of the entire purchase price of said land, it is therefore adjudged ordered and decreed that R.L. Pennington who is hereby appointed a special commissioner for the purpose do make and execute a good and sufficient deed with covenants of special warranty conveying to the said W.E. Neff, H.C. Anderson and Mary E. Anderson the said interest in said real estate in proportion to the interest so purchased by them, and report his action to this court. And it appearing to the court that said R.L. Pennington who was herein before appointed to ~~make~~ and execute a deed of conveyance of the interest purchased by W.E. Neff, Mary E. Anderson and H.C. Anderson, has made said deed, and reported the same to the court here, and the same being unexcepted to, it is adjudged ordered and decreed that same be and is hereby confirmed, and the said W.E. Neff, Mary E. Anderson and H.C. Anderson will pay to the said Pennington the sum of \$5.00 for making said deed, upon the payment of which sum the said Pennington will deliver the said deed to said parties, & it further appearing to the court that-

the said Thomas J. Shouse guardian gives proper bond in the State of Mo. the said R.L. Pennington will first pay the cost of this suit & the remainder of the funds deriving from the sale of said real estate he will pay over to the said Thomas J. Shouse of the - or his attys Pennington Bro., & report his return to this court & this case is continued-

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Edgar L. Moffitt

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5, 1902 -

H. A. W. Sheen

Entered on Co. B, No 7.

Pp. 151 & 152.

Thomas J. Schouse, Gardian.....Complainant

vs.

In Chancery

Edgar L. Neff and others.....Defendants.

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the bill of complainant and exhibit filed therewith and the answer^{under oath} of Edgar L. Neff and Ernest D. Neff in their own proper person, and the answer^{under oath} of M.G. Ely, guardian ad litem for said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff, the infant defendants, and the answer of Mrs. Mrs. Joseph E. Hansen mother of the said infants, and the depositions of witnesses; and was argued by counsel; on consideration of all which, and the court being of opinion that the interest of the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff will^{be} promoted by a sale of their interest in the land in the bill and proceedings mentioned, ^{& that the rights of no person will be violated} it is therefore adjudged, ordered and decreed that R. L. Pennington, who is hereby appointed a special commissioner for the purpose, ~~will~~ after having first executed bond before the clerk of this county in the penalty of \$1000.00, condition as the law requires in such cases, and after having duly advertised the time, terms and place of sale for at least thirty days previous to the sale, will proceed to make sale of the interest of the said infants in the land in the bill mentioned, at public outcry to the highest bidder at the courthouse on some court day, in the following terms, to-wit: One half cash in hand, and the remainder to become due and payable twelve months after the date of sale with interest on the deferred payment, and for such deferred payment said commissioner will take a bond payable to himself as such commissioner, bearing interest from the date of sale. But ~~that~~ the said Pennington shall not accept any bid for less than \$540. for the interest of said infants. And the said Pennington will report his action to court, and this cause is continued.

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infants. And the said Benjamin Fenwick report his action to court, shall not accept any bid for less than \$1000. for the interest of said bearing interest from the date of sale. But that the said Benjamin Fenwick will take a bond payable to himself as much commission interest on the deferred payment, and for such deferred payment shall become due and payable twelve months after the date of sale with following terms, to-wit: One half cash in hand, and the remainder to pay to the highest bidder at the courthouse on some court day in the the said infants in the land in the bill mentioned, at public out- previous to the sale, will proceed to make sale of the interest or advertised the time, terms and place of sale for at least thirty days elation as the law requires in such cases, and after having duly bond before the clerk of this county in the penalty of \$1000.00, com-

Wm J. Shaw Clerk

100 3/4 Decree for Sale

Edgar L. Neff Recd

Entered on 100 No 7 P 123-4

Enter this July 11 1882

H. C. W. Deane

Plaintiff and exhibit filed herewith and the answer of Edgar L. Neff

Defendants.

vs.

In Chancery

Thomas J. Schouse, Guardian.....Complainant

Thomas J. Schouse, Gardian.....Complainant

vs.

In Chancery

Edgar L. Neff and others.....Defendants.

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the bill of complainant and exhibit filed herewith and the answer of Edgar L. Neff and Ernest D. Neff in their own proper person, and the answer of M.C.Ely, guardian ad litem for said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff, the infant defendants, and the answer of Mrs. _____, mother of the said infants, and the depositions of witnesses; and was argued by counsel, on consideration of all which, and the court being of opinion that the interest of the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff will ^{be} promoted by a sale of their interest in the land in the bill and proceedings mentioned, it is therefore adjudged, ordered and decreed that R. L. Pennington, who is hereby appointed a special commissioner for the purpose, will, after having first executed bond before the clerk of this county in the penalty of \$1000.00, condition as the law requires in such cases, and after having duly advertised the time, terms and place of sale for at least thirty days previous to the sale, will proceed to make sale of the interest of the said infants in the land in the bill mentioned, at public outcry to the highest bidder at the courthouse on some court day, in the following terms, to-wit: One half cash in hand, and the remainder to become due and payable twelve months after the date of sale with interest on the deferred payment, and for such deferred payment said commissioner will take a bond payable to himself as such commissioner, bearing interest from the date of sale. But that the said Pennington shall not accept any bid for less than \$540. for the interest of said infants. And the said Pennington will report his action to court, and this cause is continued.

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The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU THAT YOU SUMMON

*W. S. Neff. Robert Graham and
John S. McKiel*

a Notary Public at the law office of R. L. Pennington in the town of Jonesville
to appear before the ~~Judge of our Circuit Court of the County of Lee at the court house~~

thereof, on the *19th* day of *June* 190*2* to testify and the truth to say

in behalf of the *Plaintiff*, in a certain matter of controversy in our said court
before the said Judge depending and undetermined between

Thomas J. Shouse Guardian Plaintiff, and

Edgar L. Neff et al Defendants. And this *they*
shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100. And have then there this writ.

Witness, A. B. MUNSEY, Clerk of our said court, at the court-house the *7th* day of

June 190*2*, and in the 12*6th* year of the Commonwealth.

A. B. Munsey Clerk

Thomas J Shouse Guard

vs. }

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FOR

WITNESS.

Edgar L Neff et al

Court,

the 19th day of June

1902

Executed June the 16-1902
by signing the
within witnesses
D. B. Byington D. C.
for W. J. Shouse D. C.

To M.G.Ely, guardian et letim for Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff in the chancery cause of Thomas J. Schrouse against the said minors et al:

You are hereby notified that on _____ day of June, 1902, at the office of R. L. Pennington in the town of Jonesville, Va., I will proceed to take the depositions of W.E.Neff, H.C.And erson and others, and in taking said deposition will propound to the witnesses the following questions.

1. Are you acquainted with the land of which Jefferson Neff died possessed, being the home place on which the said Neff, and if so, what you consider to be the value of a one sixth interest in said land, that being the part that which Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff were jointly entitled?
2. State what in your opinion would be the annual rental value in cash of the said one sixth interest in said land?
3. State which in your opinion would be most to the interest of the said infants~~children~~ now living in Missouri, to retain the said land as it is or to be the same converted in to money and the proceeds put at interest or invested for their benefit?
4. State whether or not you think the interest of said infants would be promoted by the sale of the said land and the proceeds thereof put out at interest?

You will also take notice that on the _____ day of June, 1902, at the office of John W. Coots, in the County of Platte and state of Missouri, that being the office of the Judge of the Probate Court of said county. I will proceed to the deposition of Thomas J. Schous and others, which, when taken is intended to be read as evidence on behalf of the plaintiff in the chancery cause now pending in the Circuit Court for Lee County, wherein I am plaintiff and Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff ^{et al} are defendants. On the taking of said deposition, I will proceed to propound the following questions, to-wit:

1. State whether or not you are acquainted with Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.
2. Thomas J. Schouse guardian of the said infants, has pending in the Circuit Court for Lee County a suit having for its object the

sale of a certain interest in the lands of Jefferson Neff to which the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff upon the death of their grandfather, the said Jefferson Neff, fall heir. Now state whether or not in your opinion you think it would be to the promotion of the interest of the said minors to have their said interest in said land sold and the proceeds invested and put to interest, if said real estate could be sold for its value in cash.

Very respectfully,

Thos J. Swan Genl.

by R. A. Dunnington atty.

I hereby accept service of the foregoing notice, and agree that the depositions ~~which~~ shall be taken upon the interrogatories stated for above at the time and place stated in the foregoing paper.

This May 26th 1902.

*M. G. Ely Guardian ad Litem
for Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.*

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The deposition of R.L.Graham, Stewart Neff and J.Maj.Lucas, taken before me C.E.Couk, a Notary Public in and for the county of Lee and State of Virginia, at the office of R.L.Pennington, in the town of Jonesville, on the 19th day of June, 1902, between the hours of 8 A.M. and 8 P.M. of that day, pursuant to notice hereto attached, to be read as evidence on the behalf of Thos.J.Shouse, Guardian, in a certain suit pending in the circuit court for Lee County, wherein Thos.J.Shouse Guardian is plaintiff and Edgar L.Neff is ^{the} Defendants.

Present R.L.Pennington atty for Plaintiff,

M.G.Ely, Guardian ad litem for the infant defendants.

R.L.Graham, a witness of lawful age being duly sworn, deposes and says:

Ques.1.-State your name, age residence and occupation.

Ans. My name is Robert L.Graham; residence White Shoals, Lee Co., Va.; occupation farmer.

Ques.2. Are you acquainted with the land which Jefferson Neff died possessed, being the home place on which the said Neff lived at the date of his death and if so what do you consider to be the value of a one-sixth interest in said land undivided that being the part to which Edgar L. and Earnest D. Neff infant heirs of Ewing Neff are ~~kinky~~ entitled in said land?

Ans. I am acquainted with the land referred to in the above question, have known the same for several years and was over a portion of the place to-day I consider the whole farm together taken as a whole worth about \$4,000. It would depend upon how the land was partitioned as to a one-sixth interest in it would be worth I could not say what an undivided portion of it would be worth unless I could see the portion so laid off to them.

Ques. 3. State what in your opinion what you think would be a reasonable cash rent per annum for one-sixth of the said lands?

Ans. On the average I think \$25.00 would be a fair cash rental for a one-sixth interest in said land.

Ques. 4. State which in your opinion would be to the best interest of the said infant children now living in Missouri to re-

tain the said land as it is or to have the same converted into money and the proceeds put at interest or invested for their benefit?

Ans. I think it certainly much better to the interest of said infants to have thier interest therein converted into money and the money invested for their benefit.

Ques. 5. State whether or not you think the interest of said infants would be promoted by the sale of said land and the proceeds thereof put out at interest?

Ans. I think their interest would be promoted by the sale of the land and the proceed put at interest.

And further this deponent sayeth not.

Witness claims one day Robert L. Brockman \$.50

W. S. Neff another witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes and says:

Ques. 1. State your name, age residence and occupation.

Ans. My name is W. S. Neff, age 39 yrs. White Shoald Lee Co, Va. occupation farmer.

Ques. 2. Are you acquainted with the land which Jefferson Neff died possessed, being the home place on which the said Neff lived at the date of his death and if so what do you consider to be the value of a one-sixth interest in said land undivided that being the part to which Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff infant heirs of Ewing Neff are entitled in said land?

Ans. I am acquainted with the place and if I was to give my judgment as to the one-sixth interest every thing considered I would place it at \$540.00.

Ques. 3. State what in your ipoinion do you think would be a reasonable cash rent per annum for one-sixth of said land?

Ans. \$25.00

Ques. 4. State what in your opinion would be to the best interest of the said infant children now living in Missouri to sell the said lands and place the proceeds thereof at interest or to retain the land as it is and have their share laid off to them.

Ans. I think it would serve their interest best to sell the land and place the proceeds at interest.

Ques. 5. State whether or not you think the interest of said infants would be promoted by sale of their interest of said land and the funds arising from the sale put at interest?

Ans. I think that their interest would be promoted by the sale.

~~Ques. 6.~~ And further this witness sayeth not.

W. S. Neff

Witness claims one day .50

J. M. Lucas another witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes and says:

Ques. 1. You have heard the questions propounded to the foregoing witnesses who have testified I will ask you to make a statement covering each one of the matters of facts asked for in those questions.

Ans. My name is J. M. Lucas I reside in Jonesville district Lee Co. Va. Am 58 yrs. of age a farmer and at present am Commissioner of the Revenue of the second district of Lee County. I am acquainted with the lands referred to in the foregoing questions and have known them very since I was a boy. I regard a one-sixth interest in said land to be worth \$525.00 and I believe that it would be to the promotion of the interest of said infants to have said land sold for this sum than to retain it and have it divided and their share laid off to them. I think \$25.00 as the rental value of one-sixth interest in said land high enough.

And further this witness sayeth not.

J. M. Lucas

Witness claims one day \$.50

Virginia, Lee County testit:

I, C. E. Couk a Notary Public in and for the County of Lee do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions of R. L. Graham, W. S. Neff and J. M. Lucas were taken sworn to and subscribed before me at the time and place and for the purpose in the caption mentioned.

Given under my hand this the 19th day of June 1902.

C. E. Couk N. P.
my commission expires
aug 27/1904

given under my hand this the 18th day of June 1902.

at the time and place and for the purpose in the caption mentioned.
I, J. H. Smith, Notary Public in and for the County of Lee Co
Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions of H. J. Graham, W.
Witnesses signed one day & so

And further that witness saveeth not.

which interest in said land shown.

which said one to them. I think \$25.00 as the rental value of the
said lot this sum then to be paid to the heirs of the said land
in the promotion of the interest of said land to have said land
and the said land to be worth \$25.00 and I believe that it would be
said land that said land is a boy. I believe a one-sixth interest

How J. Shoun Green
vs. Dep Intents

Edgar L. Meff et al

Received from
O. E. Conk M. P.
before whom
taken & filed June 19, 1902

Bill of Costs.

Wit. (3)	1.50
Sheriff	.60
Ct Clerk	.20
A.P.	1.50

\$ 3.80

And further that witness saveeth not.

and I think that their interest would be promoted by the sale.

would be promoted by sale of their interest of said land and the
Case. A. State whether or not you think the interest of said Intents

To M.G.Ely, guardian ~~ad litem~~ for Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff in the chancery cause of Thomas J. Schouse against the said minors et al:

You are hereby notified that on 7th day of June, 1902, at the office of R. L. Pennington in the town of jonesville, Va., I will proceed to take the depositions of W.E.Neff, H.C.And-erson and others, ^{to be used as evidence in said on my behalf -} and in taking said deposition will propound to the witnesses the following questions.

1. Are you acquainted with the land of which Jefferson Neff died possessed, being the home place on which the said Neff, ^{at the date of his death lived} and if so, what do you consider to be the value of a one sixth interest in said land, that being the part ~~that~~ which Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff ~~were~~ jointly entitled?
2. State what in your opinion would be the annual rental value in cash of the said one sixth interest in said land?
3. State which in your opinion would be most to the interest of the said infant/children now living in Missouri, to retain the said land as it is or to ^{have} ~~be~~ the same converted in-to money and the proceeds put at interest or invested for their benefit?
4. State whether or not you think the interest of said infants would be promoted by the sale of the said land and the proceeds thereof put out at interest?

You will also take notice that on the 6 day of June, 1902, at the office of John W. Coots, in the County of Platte and state ^{in the town of Union Bluffs} of Missouri, ^{that being the office of the Judge of the Probate Court} of said county, I will proceed to the deposition of Thomas J, Schouse and others, which, when taken is intended to be read as evidence on behalf of the plaintiff in the chancery cause now pending in the Circuit Court for Lee County, wherein I am plaintiff and Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff ^{et al} are defendants. On the taking of said depositions, I will proceed to propound the following questions, ^{to the witnesses -} to-wit:

1. State whether or not you are acquainted with Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.
2. Thomas J. Schouse guardian of the said infants, has pending in the Circuit Court for Lee County a suit having for its object the

sale of a certain interest in the lands of Jefferson Neff to which the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff upon the death of their grandfather, the said Jefferson Neff, fall heir. Now state whether or not in your opinion you think it would be to the promotion of the interest of the said minors to have their said interest in said land sold and the proceeds invested and put to interest, if said real estate could be sold for its value in cash.

Very respectfully,

Mrs. J. House
by C. R. Dunning

I hereby accept service of the foregoing notice, and agree that the depositions ~~which~~ shall be taken upon the interrogatories stated ~~for~~ above at the times and places stated in the foregoing paper.

This May 26, 1902.

M. H. Ely,
Guardian ad Litem for
Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff

The deposition of Thomas J. Schouse and others, taken before me
John W. Coots, Judge of the Probate Court
~~a Notary Public~~ in and for the County of Platt
and state of Missouri, pursuant to notice hereto annexed, at the of-
fice of John W. Coots, in the town of ~~Up on Star~~ *Read, Mo., at office of Judge of Probate Court*, in the County of
Platte and state of Missouri, on the ~~6th~~ *6th* day of June, 1902, be-
tween the hours of 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. of that day. To be read as
evidence in behalf of Thomas J. Schouse in a certain suit in chan-
cery, pending in the Circuit of Lee County, wherein the said Thomas
J. Schouse is plaintiff and Edgar L. Neff and others are defendants,
upon the interrogatories agreed upon as shown by the attached notice.

Witness, Thomas J. Schouse, being duly sworn deposes and says;

1. State your name, age, residence and occupation.

Ans. *Thomas J. Schouse, aged 39 years, Reside Union Star Mo., and I am a Farmer by occupation*

2. State your relation, if any, to Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.

Ans. *I am their uncle on their mother's side*

3. State whether or not you are acquainted with Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.

Ans. *I am*

4. Thomas J. Schouse, guardian of said infants, has pending in the Circuit Court for Lee County a suit having for its object the sale of a certain interest in the lands of Jefferson Neff to which the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff upon the death of their grandfather the said Jefferson Neff, fall heirs. Now state whether or not in your opinion you think it would be best to the promotion of the interest of the said minors to have their said interest sold and the proceeds invested and put to interest, if said real estate could be sold for its cash value.

Ans. *I think if an adequate price can be obtained it will be to the best interest of the boys to sell the land and put the money out at interest in Missouri*

And further this witness sayeth not.

Thomas J. Schouse
I sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of June 1902.
Judge of Probate

2.

Witness, W. J. Jacks, being duly sworn deposes and says;

1. State your name, age, residence and occupation.

Ans. W. J. Jacks 40 years old, Blount Co., Mo., a farmer

2. State your relation, if any, to Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.

Ans. I am not related.

3. State whether or not you are acquainted with Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.

Ans. I am,

4. Thomas J. Schouse, guardian of said infants, has pending in the Circuit Court for Lee County a suit, having for its object the sale of a certain interest in the lands of Jefferson Neff to which the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff upon the death of their grandfather the said Jefferson Neff, fall heir. Now state whether or not in your opinion you think it would be best to the promotion of the interest of the said minors to have their said interest sold and the proceeds invested and put to interest, if the said real estate could be sold for its cash value.

Ans. If a good fair price can be obtained I think it would be better to sell the land and have the money brought to Missouri and loaned out at a reasonable security.
And further this witness sayeth not.

Witness, Sarah E. Hanson, being duly sworn deposes and says;

1. State your name, age, residence and occupation.

Sarah E. Hanson, 41 years old, resides near Blount Co., Mo. Formerly wife

2. State your relation, if any, to Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.

I am their mother by marriage with their father, Edwin J. Neff, who died about 15 years ago.

3. State whether or not you are acquainted with Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.

I am being their mother. I was married to John E. Hanson, on March 4, 1892.

4. Thomas J. Schouse, guardian of the said infants, has pending in the Circuit Court for Lee County, a suit having for its object the sale of a certain interest in the land of Jefferson Neff, to which the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff, upon the death of their grandfather the said Jefferson Neff, fall heir. Now state whether or not in your opinion you think it would be best to the promotion of the

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interest of the said minors to have their said interest sold and the proceeds invested and put to interest, if the said real estate could be sold for cash value.

~~And further this deponent sayeth not.~~

Ans. *I think it to the interest of the boys to sell their interest in the land for its cash value and remove the funds to Missouri and loaned on real estate securely as it would be too much expense and trouble to attend to this interest in Virginia or for from this name.*
And further this deponent sayeth not.

Israh E. Hanson

State of Missouri, County of Platte, to-wit:

I John W. Coots, ~~Notary Public~~ *Judge of the Probate Court* in and for the county of Platte in the said state do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions of Thomas J. Schouse, W. J. Jades, and Israh E. Hanson, were duly taken, sworn to, and subscribed before me, at the time and place and for the purpose in the caption hereto mentioned. Given under my hand this the 6th day of June, 1902.

John W. Coots *Judge of the Probate Court*
N.P.

State of Missouri, County of Platte, to-wit;

I, John W. Coots, Judge of the Probate and Exofficio Clerk of the Probate Court do certify that John W. Coots by whom the foregoing attestation was made and whose name is thereto subscribed was at the time of the making of the same and still is said Judge of Probate in and for Platte County Missouri, duly commissioned and qualified according to law and that said Coots according to the laws of the State of Missouri has authority thereunder as Judge of said Court to administer an oath, that the signature to the foregoing annexed affidavit is the genuine signature of said John W. Coots, Judge of said Probate Court.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court this the 7th day of July 1902.

John W. Coots
Judge of Probate and Exofficio Clerk
of the Probate Court.

Judge of Probate and Exors of the Probate Court.

the seal of the said Court this 10th day of July 1902.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
Judge of said Probate Court.

Thos J. Shauri Secy.

vs ~~3~~ Depositors

Edgar L. Stiff vs

Received by mail in
good condition and filed
June 7th 1902
A.B. Munsey Clerk

To
A.B. Munsey Clerk
J. Munsey & Co.
L. Co.

The foregoing deposition of Thomas J. Shauri, Secretary of the County of Platte in the said state do hereby certify that

I

Judge of Missouri, County of Platte, do-wit:

And further the deposition aforesaid not.

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be said for said value.

proceeds invested and put to interest, if the said real estate could
interest of the said miners to have their said interest paid and the

The depositions of Thomas J. Shouse and others, taken before me, _____, a Notary Public in and for the County of Platte and state of Missouri, pursuant to notice hereto annexed, at the office of John W. Coots, in the town of Union Star, in the county of Platte and state of Missouri, on a ~~the~~ day of June, 1902, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8p.m. of that day. To be read as evidence before- in behalf of Thomas J. Schouse in a certain suit in chancery pending in the Circuit Court for Lee County, wherein the said Thomas J. Schouse is plaintiff and Edgar L. Neff and others are defendants, upon the interrogatories agreed upon as shown by the attached papers notice.

Witness Thomas J. Schouse, being duly sworn deposes and says;

1. State your name, age, residence and occupation.
2. State your relation, if any, to Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.
3. State whether or not you are acquainted with Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.

Witness, _____, being duly sworn deposes and says;

1. State your name, age, residence and occupation.
2. State your relation, if any, to Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.
3. State whether or not you are acquainted with Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.

Witness, _____, being duly sworn deposes and says;

1. State your name, age, residence and occupation.
2. State your relation, if any, to Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.
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3. State whether or not you are acquainted with Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.

Thomas J. Schouse, guardian of said infants, has pending in the Circuit Court for Lee County a suit, having for its ~~purpose~~ the sale of a certain interest in the land of Jefferson Neff to which the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff, upon the death of their grandfather, the said Jefferson Neff, fall heir. Now state whether or not in your opinion you think it would be best to the promotion of the interest of the said minors to have their said interest in said land sold and the proceeds invested and put to interest, if said real estate could be sold for its value in cash.

To the Hon. H. A. W. Skken, Judge of the Circiut Court for Lee Couty:

To answer of M. G. Ely, guardian ad litem for Herbert O. and Bertha S. Bales infants under the age of twenty one years, to a bill in Chancery filed in the Circuit Court for Lee Countyby Charles Sherer, guardian for the said infants against the said infants and others:

For answer to the said bill the infant defenddants by their said guardian ad litem answer and say that being of tender years they do not know what their true interests are in relation to the subject matter of the said bill, nor do they know whether the statements therein contained are true or not. They confide the protection of their interest therein to the care of the court. And the said guardian ad litem of the said infant defendants for answer to said bill answers and says that he knows nothing as to the truth or falsity of the statement ^{bill} ~~in~~ the contained. He prays full protection for the infant defendants. And now having fully answered, these defendants pray to be hence dismissed with their costs, &c.

By _____

Guardian ad litem.

State of Virginia, County of Lee.

Sworn to before me in my county aforesaid by M. G. Ely, guardian ad litem as aforesain, this the _____ day of _____ 1902.

N.P.

To M.G.Ely, guardian ad litem for Bertha S. and Herbert O. Bales, in the Chancery cause of Charled Sherer, vs. them and others:

You are hereby notified that on the _____ day of June, 1902, at the office of J. A. Brooks in the town of Colby, county of Thomas, and state of Kansas, and between the hours of 8 A. M. and 8 P. M. , will proceed to take the deposition of _____ Bales, and others, which when taken is intended to be read as evidence on behalf of myself in the said suit now pending in the Circuit Court for County , wherein I am plaintiff and Herbert O. and Bertha S. Bales and others are defendant, and if from any cause the taking of said deposition be not commenced, or if commenced be not completed the taking thereof will be adjourned from time to time and from place to place until the same shall be completed. On taking the said depositions the following questions will be propounded to the witnesses.

1. State your age, residence and occupation.
2. State your relation, if any, to Herbert O. and Bertha S. Bales.
3. State whether or not you are acquainted with the said Herbert O. and Bertha S. Bales.
4. Charles Sherer, guardian of said infants has pending in the Circuit Court for Lee County a suit having for its object the sale of a certain interest in the lands of C. N. Thompson, to which the said Herbert O. and Bertha S. Bales upon the death of said C. N. Thompson, became the owner of a $\frac{5}{9}$ interest therein. This land is situated in Lee County. Now state whether or not, in your opinion, you think it would be best, and to the promotion of the interest of said minors to have their said interest in said real estate sold and proceeds invested and put at interest, if said real estate could be sold for its cash value.

You are also notified that on the ____ day of June, 1902, at the law office of R. L. Pennington, in the town of Jonesville,

between the hours of 8 A. M. and 8 P. M. of that day, I shall proceed to take depositions of _____, and other to be read as evidence in the same matter as herein before set out above, and in taking of the said deposition I will proceed to propound to the witnesses the following questions.

1. State your name, age residence and occupation.
2. State whether or not you are acquainted with the land known as the C. N. Thompson place owned by the said C. N. Thompson at the time of his death.
3. What do you consider the fair cash value of said land as a whole and what would you consider a fair cash value of $\frac{5}{9}$ thereof, if the same was laid off to the purchaser, and disjoined from the tract as a whole.
4. What do you consider a fair cash value of one third of the said land laid off to its self, and disjoined from the remainder of the tract.

Your respectfully,

The deposition of Thomas J. Schouse and others, taken before me _____, a Notary Public in and for the County of Platt and state of Missouri, pursuant to notice hereto annexed, at the office of John W. Coots, in the town of Union Star, in the County of Platte and state of Missouri, on the _____ day of June, 1902, between the hours of 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. of that day. To be read as evidence in behalf of Thomas J. Schouse in a certain suit in chancery, pending in the Circuit of Lee County, wherein the said Thomas J. Schouse is plaintiff and Edgar L. Neff and others are defendants, upon the interrogatories agreed upon as shown by the attached notice.

Witness, Thomas J. Schouse, being duly sworn deposes and says;

1. State your name, age, residence and occupation.
2. State your relation, if any, to Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.
3. State whether or not you are acquainted with Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.
4. Thomas J. Schouse, guardian of said infants, has pending in the Circuit Court for Lee County a suit having for its object the sale of a certain interest in the lands of Jefferson Neff to which the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff upon the death of their grandfather the said Jefferson Neff, fall heirs. Now state whether or not in your opinion you think it would be best to the promotion of the interest of the said minors to have their said interest sold and the proceeds invested and put to interest, if said real estate could be sold for its cash value.

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Witness, _____, being duly sworn deposes and says;

1. State your name, age, residence and occupation.
2. State your relation, if any, to Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.
3. State whether or not you are acquainted with Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.
4. Thomas J. Schouse, guardian of said infants, has pending in the Circuit Court for Lee County a suit, having for its object the sale of a certain interest in the lands of Jefferson Neff to which the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff upon the death of their grandfather the said Jefferson Neff, fall heir. Now state whether or not in your opinion you think it would be best to the promotion of the interest of the said minors to have their said interest sold and the proceeds invested and put to interest, if the said real estate could be sold for its cash value.

Witness, _____, being duly sworn deposes and says;

1. State your name, age, residence and occupation.
2. State your relation, if any, to Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.
3. State whether or not you are acquainted with Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff.
4. Thomas J. Schouse, guardian of the said infants, has pending in the Circuit Court for Lee County, a suit having for its object the sale of a certain interest in the land of Jefferson Neff, to which the said Edgar L. and Ernest D. Neff, upon the death of their grandfather the said Jefferson Neff, fall heir. Now state whether or not in your opinion you think it would be best to the promotion of the

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interest of the said miners to have their said interest sold and the proceeds invested and put to interest, if the said real estate could be sold for cash value.

~~And further this deponent sayeth not.~~

Ans. _____

And further this deponent sayeth not.

State of Missouri, County of Platte, to-wit:

I _____, a Notary Public in and for the county of Platte in the said state do hereby certify that the foregoing depositions of Thomas J. Schouse, _____, and _____, were duly taken, sworn to, and subscribed before me, at the time and place and for the purpose in the caption hereto mentioned. Given under my hand this the ____ day of June, 1902.

N.P.

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Miss J. Susan Case
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Edgar L. Mott

To Mr. Thos. J. Shouse, guardian for Edgar L. and Earnest D. Neff:

As guardian ad litem for Edgar L. and Earnest D. Neff in the Chancery cause of Thomas J. Shouse Gdn., vs Edgar L. Neff et al, I hereby agree that the depositions to be taken upon the interrogatories heretofore agreed upon may be taken at such time and place as is convenient for the witnesses, so that the said depositions are taken before some person duly authorized to take depositions and to administer an oath and that they be properly certified by such person and transmitted to the clerk of the Circuit court for Lee County.

Given under my hand this the 3rd day of June, 1902.

Guardian ad litem for E. L. and E. D. Neff.

Thos. J. Shouse Gdn.,

Complainant.

vs

In Chancery

Edgar L. Neff, et al,

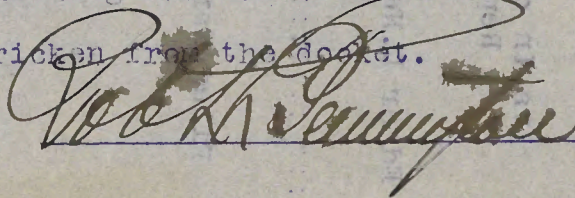
Defendants.

In the above styled cause the undersigned special commissioner was directed to turn over to Thos. J. Shouse Gdn. the sum of money in his hands derived from the sale of lands in this cause, or to said Shouse's attorneys and to disburse the costs collected.

Your comr. begs to report that he has made the following disbursement of the money in his hands:

Total amount of money received from purchasers,	\$545.00
Total amount of costs paid as taxed in suit,	\$47.08
Commissions of sale retained,	19.90
Cash paid Penington Bros. for plt.	478.02
	545.00

There remaining nothing further to be done in this cause the same should be stricken from the docket.



Comr.

Thos. J. Shouse Gdn, Plt.,

vs In chancery
Report of Comr.

Edgar L. Neff eat al defts.

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Filed March 5, 1903.

Thomas J. Shouse, Guardian,

Complainant,

vs.

In Chancery,

Edgar L. Neff, et al.,

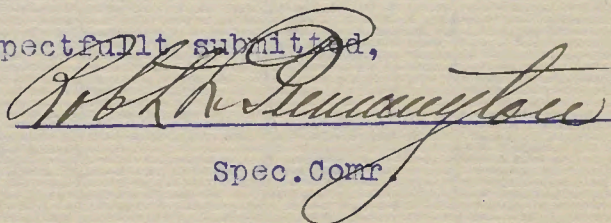
Defendants.

To the Hon. H. A. W. Skeen, Judge of the Circuit Court for Lee County:

Pursuant to a decree rendered in the above styled cause on the 15th day of Nov., 1902, appointing the undersigned to make a deed to W. E. Neff, Mary E. Anderson and H. C. Anderson, the undersigned begs leave to report that he has made and executed the said deed to the land according to the said decree of the said court.

Your comr. asks that he be allowed the usual allowance for the making of the said deed and that said purchasers be required to pay the same.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert H. Pennington", written over a horizontal line.

Spec. Comr.

Thos J. Swanwick
vs 3rd Defmt of
Dec 8—

E. L. Muffet & Co

Filed Nov 15, 1902

LAND SALE!

Thos. J. Shaver Esq.
vs.
Edgar L. Neff et al -

IN CHANCERY.

Pursuant to a decree rendered by the Circuit Court of Lee County, Virginia, at the *July* term, 189*2*, in the above styled cause, the undersigned will, at public outcry, at the front door of the Court-house of said county, on the first day of the *Sept* term, 189*2*, of the County Court of said county, proceed to sell, to the highest and best bidder, on a credit of *12 mos* ~~12 months~~ *balance cash in hand* time, except so much as may be necessary to pay the cost of suit and expense of sale (which are required to be paid in hand); the following described property: *the undivided interest of Edgar L. Sharnett & Neff in the bonds decreed to them & others from Jefferson Neff - & being 1/6 of said bonds. No bid will be made at less than \$540*

For a more particular description of the foregoing property reference is here made to

the title paper of Jefferson Neff

Bonds with good and approved personal security will be required of the purchaser for the deferred payments. This the *15* day of *Aug*, 189*2*.

Robt L. Runnison Commissioner.

The bond required by law has been given,

A B Runnison Clerk.

Thos J. Shaun Secy -

vs.

Edgar L. Meff et al -

To The Hon H. W. Schen Judge of the
Circuit Court of the Co.

The undersigned Secy. Comes in
the above styled cause, & under
a decree heretofore entered there was
directed to make sale of the undivided
interest of Edgar L. & Earnest D. Meff -
being in the lands of their grandfather
Jefferson Meff, begs leave to report that
after advertising the time, terms & place
of sale for the time & in the manner
prescribed by the said decree, proceeded to
the front door of the Court House of the County
on the 1st day of the Sept-terms of the County
Court 1902, being Sept. 15, 1902, to offer the
said interest for sale at public outcry to
the highest-bidder, at which sale H. E. Meff.
& H. C. Anderson & Mary E. Anderson became the
purchasers thereof as the highest-bidders at
the price of \$545⁰⁰, the said H. E. Meff to
have 1/2 of said interest & the said H. C. Anderson
& his wife Mary E. Anderson the other half of said
interest. & the said H. E. Meff paid your Court 1/2 of
said purchase money & said H. C. & Mary E. Anderson
the other half of said purchase money.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Perryman Secy Court.

Thos J. Shum Gave
vs ^{the} Report of Sale -
Edgar L. Huff et al

Filed Oct 17, 1902
A. B. Munsey Clerk

This Indenture made this the 22nd, day of February one thousand eight hundred and fifty four between Ensly Parrott and Margaret his wife of the county of Knox and State of Kentucky of the one part & Jefferson Neff of the County of Lee & State of Virginia of the other part: Witnesseth that they the said Ensley Parrott & Margaret his wife for and in consideration of the sum of twelve hundred dollars to them in hand paid the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged do bargain & sell unto him the said Jefferson Neff his heirs & assigns a certain tract or parcel of land lying & being in the State of Virginia & county of Lee it being the ~~tract~~ tract of land which the said Ensley Parrott recently lived: purchased of Oliver Jessy Twenty five acres which was conveyed to him by John Jayne & Hannah his wife and sixteen acres adjoining the same conveyed to him by William Jayne & Barbary his wife making in the whole ninety one acres & bounded as follows: Viz: be the same more or less: Beginning at a corner of Henry Towell Francis Muncy & William Jayne and running S 83 W 79 poles to a stake in a line of the first named tract thence S 7 E 32 poles to a Stake near Sout side of sd, Oliver Jessees fence at the corner of his field thence S 83 W 80 poles to three black oaks & a post oak the beginning corner of the above named sixteen acres conveyed to the said Oliver Jessy by William Jayne and Barberry his wife thence N 7 W 32 poles to a small marked hickory near the fence on the first named tract of land conveyed by John Jayne & Hannah his wife & one of the corners to said tract of seventy five acres calling for a small Black oak & hickory thence S 31 W 44 poles with a line of the first named tract to a hickory & dogwood thence S 46 $\frac{3}{4}$ W 48 poles to a black oak & hickory thence N 42 E 53 poles running between a black oak & dogwood thence N 70 E 54 poles to a sourwood dogwood & hickory on the top of a Hill, thence N 45 E 68 poles to a white oak on a hill side thence N 83 E 39 poles to a stake thence N 48 E 71 poles to a stake thence S 16 W 44 poles to a white oak, thence S 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 19 poles to a white oak, thence S 1 W 16 poles to a bunch of walnuts thence S 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 12 poles to a white oak thence S 18 East 9 poles to two white oaks on a hill side thence a straight line to the beginning which is Frank Muncys line ~~together~~ together with all its appurtenances to have and to hold the said tracts or parcels of land Except about one and a half acres

previously sold by Ensley Parrott to Francis Muncy which is not included in this deed; With its appurtenances to the said Jefferson Neff his heirs and assigns forever and the the said Ensley Parrott and Margaret his wife for themselves and their heirs that they the said Ensley Parrott & Margaret his wife & their heirs the sd. land with all its appurtenances unto him the sd. Jefferson Neff his heirs against the lawful claim or claims of all and every person or persons whatsoever shall will & by these presents do warrant and forever defend. In testimony whereof the said Ensley Parrott & Margaret his wife have hereunto subscribed their names & affixed their seals this the day & year first above written.

Ensley Parrott (Seal)

Margaret A. Parrott (Seal)

Lee County to-wit;

We, William H. Thompson & S. H. Breeding Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Ensley Parrott a party to a certain deed bearing date on the 22nd, day of February 1854 and hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed and desired us to certify the said acknowledgment to the Clerk of the County Court of Lee in order that the said deed may be recorded. Given under our hands & seals this 22nd, day of March 1854.

Wm. H. Thompson J. P. (Seal)

S. H. Breeding J. P. (Seal)

Lee County to-wit;

We, William H. Thompson & S. H. Breeding Justices of the peace in the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that Margaret A. Parrott the wife of Ensley Parrott parties to a certain deed bearing date on the 22nd day of February 1854 & hereto annexed personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid and being examined by us privily & apart from her husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Margaret Parrott acknowledged the same to be her act and deed and ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ declared that she had willingly signed sealed and delivered the same and that she

wished not to retract it. Given under our hands and seals this 22nd day of March 1854.

Wm. H. H. Thompson *m* J. P. (Seal)

S. H. Breeding J. P. (Seal)

Virginia,

At a court begun and held for Lee County at the Court-house thereof on the 15th, day of October 1855 This indenture ~~of~~ bargain and sale for land between Ensley Parrott and Margaret A. his wife of the one part and Jefferson Neff of the other part admitted to record upon the certificates of two magistrates of Lee County.

Teste; Wm. H. H. Sproul, D. C.

A Copy, Teste; -----Clerk.
(D. B. No. 12, Page 597 & c.)

Ensley Parvett et ux
To & Deed
Jefferson Neff

copy

clerk 80 cts.

This deed made this, 30th, day of December 1869 between George R. Fletcher and Betsy Ann Fletcher, his wife of the first part, and Jefferson Neff, of the other part, all of the county of Lee and State of Virginia, Witnesseth that the said George R. Fletcher and wife for and in consideration of the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to them in hand paid or secured to be paid by the said Jefferson Neff, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do by these presents Bargain sell, deliver, and convey unto said Neff three tracts or parcels of land lying and being in said County of Lee on Powells River, the first of which was conveyed to said Fletcher by James Sims and wife by deed bearing date April the 24th 1852 and bounded as follows: Beginning at a white oak on the side of a hill and near a house, thence N 65° W, 21 poles to two beeches by a spring, thence N 85° W, 8 poles dividing said spring to a walnut by the same N 19° W 22 poles down the spring hollow to a sugar-tree, buckeye, and horn-beam S 83° W 44 poles to a gum and two white oaks on the top of a hill N 54° W 43 poles to a white oak and two dogwoods on the side of a steep hill, thence North 20 poles to two beeches and a sugar-tree on the bank of the river N 82° E 156 poles to a hickory and two beeches on the bank of the river, thence N 31° E 68 poles to a beech and double lynn near the river, thence N 66° E 30 poles to a double Sycamore near the edge of the river N 86° E 26 poles to a bunch of sycamore bushes, then S 21° E 20 poles to a beech and sugar-tree on the river bank S 11° E 52 poles to a poplar and ash on the bank of the river, Francis Muncy's corner, then S 61° W 35 poles to a white oak and dogwood, then S 49° W 14 poles to a white oak and hickory, thence S 40° W 13 poles to a stake, thence S 48° W 71 poles to a stake, thence S 83° W 39 poles to the Beginning, containing one hundred acres, more or less; the second of which tracts was conveyed to said Fletcher by Jefferson Neff by deed bearing date the 5th, day of February 1855 and is now conveyed back to said Neff, and is bounded as follows: -Beginning at a stake at a corner of said Neff's field, at the North East corner and on the West side of a Dug road, thence S 46° E 14 poles to a Stake, thence S 19° E 8 poles to a Stake thence N 17° E 39 poles with Francis Muncy's line to a stake, thence S 50° W 32 poles to the Beginning, containing 2 acres lacking five poles; the third and last of which tracts was granted to said Fletcher by the Commonwealth of Virginia by

patent bearing date the 2nd day of November 1857, and the said Fletcher having heretofore conveyed to John M. Beaty all of said Grant lying north of Powell's river, reserving the bed of said river covered by said patent, and all lands lying South of the North bank of the said river conveyed by said patent. The said Fletcher & wife do by these presents convey unto the said Neff all right title, and interest they now have in said Grant not sold and conveyed to said Beaty. To have and to hold said several tracts or parcels of land with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging to the said Jefferson Neff and his heirs forever, and the said Fletcher and wife do covenant that they will warrant generally the land hereby conveyed. Witness the following signatures and seals.

George R. Fletcher (Seal)

Betsey Ann Fletcher (Seal)

Virginia, Lee County, to-wit:-

We, Andrew Milbourn and James R. Fitts, Justices of the Peace for said County, do certify that Betsey Ann Fletcher, wife of George R. Fletcher, whose name is signed to the foregoing deed, bearing date Decr. 30th, 1869, and hereto annexed, personally appeared before us in our County aforesaid, and being examined by us privily and apart from her said husband and having the deed aforesaid fully explained to her, declared that she had willingly signed and executed the same, and did not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 3rd day of January 1870.

Andrew Milbourn J.P.

James R. Fitts J.P.

Lee County Court, Clerks Office.

On the 30th day of Decr, 1869 this Indenture of bargain & sale for land between George R. Fletcher and Betsey Ann, his wife, of the one part, and Jefferson Neff, of the other part, was acknowledged before me by the said George R. Fletcher to his act and deed; and the said Betsey Ann Fletcher on this, 3rd day of January 1870 likewise acknowledged the same before two Justices of the Peace for Lee County, and the same, being duly Stamped, is admitted to record.

John B. West, D.C.

A Copy, Teste:-----Clerk.
(D. B. No. 16, Page. 4.)

George R. Fletcher et ux
For Deed
Jefferson Keff

Copy

Clerk 75-cts,

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon Edgar L. Neff & Emmet D. Neff & Sarah E. Hanson Mother of said Edgar L. & Emmet D. Neff

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County of Lee, at the rules to be held for the said court, on the 3rd Monday in June 1902, to answer a bill in

chancery exhibited against them in our said court by Thos. J. Shouse Guardian for Edgar L. & Emmet D. Neff

And have then there this writ. Witness, A. B. Munsey, Clerk of our said Court, at the court-house, the 24th day of May 1902, and in the 126th year of the Commonwealth.

A copy, Teste:

A. B. Munsey Clerk.

Clerk.

Thos. J. Shouse Guardian
vs. } SUBPOENA
IN CHANCERY.

Edgar L. Neff et al

Pennington Bros p. q.

To 2nd June Rules.

1902 Circuit Court.

I hereby accept legal
service of the within
summons, this
June - 1902 -

Sarah E. Skayson
Edgar L. Neff.

CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that the within
Legal notice was published four
consecutive weeks in the PENNING-
TON GAP NEWS, a weekly News
paper published in this State, be-
ginning *Sept 26* and ending
October the *18th* 1901.

W. K. Hopkins, Ed.

Fee \$6.00

Thomas J. Shouse, Guardian for Edgar
L. and Earnest D. Neff, Petitioner,

vs. (Petitioner in Chancery.)

W. E. Neff and H. C. Anderson, Ad-
ministrators of the estate of Jefferson
Neff, dec'd, and all interested parties, Def.

To All whom It May Concern:

TAKE NOTICE

That at the November term of the
1901 Circuit Court for Lee County
I shall apply by petition to the chancellor
of said court, on the first day thereof, for
authority, under section 2629 of the Code
of Virginia, to sue for, recover, and re-
ceive all money or personal property of
my wards Edgar L. Neff and Earnest D.
Neff, minors under the age of 21 years,
including the rents and income of said
infants' real estate situated in Lee County
Virginia; which personal property and
real estate consists of a one sixth interest
in the personal estate and real estate left
in the said county by Jefferson Neff de-
ceased, who was a Grandfather of said in-
fants; and to have said personal estate so
belonging to said infants and the rents of
their said real estate transferred to me the
undersigned as guardian for said infants
in the County of Platte and State of Mis-
souri, in which county said infants reside,
and for whom I was on the 5th day of
February, 1901, duly appointed by the
Probate Court of said county the guardian;
an and Curator.

At the same time in this cause applica-
tion will be made for a decree against the
said W. E. Neff and H. C. Anderson as
the Administrators of the estate of said
estate of Jefferson Neff directing them to
pay over to the undersigned or his attor-
neys, as guardian for said infants such
part of said estate as the said infants are
entitled that shall come to their hands as
said administrators. This June 12th, 1901.

Thomas J. Shouse

Guardian for Earnest D. Neff and
Edgar L. Neff, appointed by the
Probate Court of Platte County Mo

By Pennington Bros. Attys.

Earnest Neff et al
vs Order Pub
Wm E Neff et al

CERTIFICATE
I hereby certify that the within
legal notice was published four
consecutive weeks in the PRINCE-
TON GAP NEWS, a weekly News
paper published in this State, be-
ginning
and ending
October 1st
1907.